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New Student Catalog Now Available

By CYNDIE GRISE

"It's not fair! This class is entirely different than I thought it would be. Why didn't my advisor tell me it was going to be like this?"

The simple explanation probably is that the advisors can't possibly know everything about every course offered during a given semester. Even if he made inquiries to every instructor about their courses, the advisor would not have first hand information about how the class is conducted according to students who have survived it.

Several weeks ago, the student government decided to do something about this situation. They surveyed most of the elective courses being offered next semester.

Using class periods, several students went into classes and asked that questionnaires be filled out by both student and instructor.

Asking questions such as: What do you think the objectives of this course are? How many hours do you spend on homework for this course? How much money do you have to spend for equipment for this course?

There is also room for criticism of the instructor. Does he know his stuff? Is he conveying his ideas properly? Does he make himself available to the student for help?

Sprinkled throughout the entire booklet are little sayings by various well known people

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January Term To Provide New Flexibility

By KATHY HARTY

The January term is a completely new and different concept of education. Dean Kier stated that the purpose of it "is to give students the opportunity to try something different from the normal tradition."

There is no tuition involved. No other fees such as student activity or insurance are required. The only costs will be for things such as the trip to Puerto Rico or ski trips.

There is a formal contract between the college and the student. Each student will choose those courses that he wants to take and then will submit the list to a committee. If it is approved the committee will sign it. If not, it will be returned to the student for changes.

No course will have specific credits. The entire term will enable the students three credits. Just one or two credits are not possible. It's three or nothing. The student must build a program which he thinks is worth three credits. The idea here will be qualitative value, not quantitative. Traditionally, fifteen hours is worth one credit. However, the goal for this term is to forget that standard and to judge and give credit according to the involvement of the student and its educational value.

The committee does not have any guidelines to go by. There are no specific requirements. Dean Kier said that he believes that the committee has no preconceptions on how they will judge the schedules.

If a student earns the three credits they will be listed as general education. UMass and North Adams State, the two most popular transfer colleges, have been contacted and they have both said that these credits will be perfectly acceptable.

There are other choices open for the student for the January Term. He can just not come, it's completely voluntary. Or he can take a directed study course. If a student is really interested in a particular subject, such as theatre, he can make arrangements with the teacher to have advanced studies in it. Or if he needs a particular class such as English, he can again make special arrangements to take an intense course in it and be credited for it during the January Term.

Your Horoscope

By SYBIL SNEEK

Here we go again, kiddies, predictions and advice for all you simple-minded suckers without enough brain power to rule your own lives.

Dec. 1: Don't forget to read your horoscope today.

Dec. 2: Be careful that Venus doesn't square your sun or you'll be sorry.

Dec. 3: Bad day for entertaining guests; maybe a little Listerine would help?

Dec. 4: A black cloud is passing over your planet — oh, wait a minute, I think it's just some ink I spilled

Dec. 5: Yes, it was just ink.

Dec. 6: Rats, now I've got ink all over my hands.

Dec. 7: It's okay now, I washed it all off.

Dec. 8: Rats, now I've got ink all over the sink.

Dec. 9: Hey, for a really clean sink, try Sparkle-O!

Dec. 10: A very good day for either staying in bed or getting up.

Dec. 11: Only 2,783 more shopping days till Christmas 1981.

Dec. 12: Oh, darn; I had this really beautiful forecast all written out for today and my dog wet on it.

Dec. 13: Go to a party but do not over-indulge; resulting complications may be unusually over-whelming. (You'll have this really freaky hangover.)

Dec. 14: No prediction for today — I have this really freaky hangover.

Dec. 15: Go visit some old friends and have fun. After all, tomorrow you may be dead.

Dec. 16: You will live a long and happy life. (Disregarding possible death by strangulation.)

Dec. 17: Final prediction! This is extremely important: What I have to say now could very well change your life — it is earth-shattering news: trx dmfi mniensm bbgkh idh ek

Videotaping Helps Ready Matchmaker

By ROB CROSBY

The posters are up, the tickets are printed, and opening night draws nearer. Those participating in the college production of Thornton Wilder's comedy, "The Matchmaker", arrive at the theatre early every evening and rehearse until well after midnight.

Tuesday night the show was video-taped, and then all the actors saw themselves on film. The general reaction was blech. Now, if Ms. Carroll, the director, says, "You did a wrong move," or "You didn't react properly", you simply can't argue with her, the proof is right in front of you. In addition to this, some members of the cast are suffering from "media shock". Seeing yourself on television, realizing exactly what you look like, how you walk, how you talk, can be a traumatic experience.

Study Shows College Store Is Complex

By MARK MAJESKI and KEN JACKSON

Included in the GCC Trust Fund are the operation of the college store, vending, purchasing and copy services. This trust is authorized by the Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges and is self-sustaining. It provides a cash flow which is used for inventory and salaries as well as a profit and a reserve of funds held in authorized bank trust. These funds amounting to \$15,000 at present are to be used for inventory and furnishing at the new GCC campus opening in the fall of 1974.

The trust brought together three services of the college into the Division of Auxiliary Services headed by Jack Evans. Superior to Evans in the position of Dean of Administration and Finance is Robert W. Gailey. President of the college, Dr. Lewis Turner, holds overall responsibility and is directly answerable to the Massachusetts Board on any matters concerning its expenditures and profits.

The major concern in this trust is the operation of the College Store. The store's business is to provide the necessary texts and supplies to the college community which spent a total of \$114,000 through it this past fiscal year. Of these monies, \$86,000 was used for purchases of inventory that the store holds. Most of this money was paid to publishers who are the main determiners of the price of books.

Textbooks and paperbacks are bought at a 20 per cent discount while the markup on other goods is near 40 per cent. These other articles, including GCC jackets, beer mugs, stickers, etc., are priced as they are in any private enterprise.

Salaries of those involved in the store, including work study students, amounted to \$17,000. Other office expenses, including telephone and insurance, totalled approximately \$3,000, leaving about \$8,000 as a net income.

Allowed on the stores' income statement are profits obtained through the other services in the Division, which includes \$2,400 from vending machines and roughly \$500 from the copy service. Eight hundred dollars was gained as interest on the \$15,000 bank trust.

This bank trust is expected to reach a goal of \$35,000-\$40,000 within the next two years and it is to be used toward the new campus store. Two thousand dollars was deposited into the account last year. This money is held as an asset and not as profit. Total profit for the Division last year was \$11,500 or 10 per cent. Total profit made by the College Store was approximately 7 per cent, of which over 3 per cent was made on books.

The College is more able to derive this 10 per cent profit because of the fact that the state pays utility expenses; a rent of \$1,000 was paid five years ago to the GCC Foundation. This rent is all that will be paid for as long

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CORRECTION

Student Catalog of Elective Courses Spring '73
Speech 101, Saul Greenblatt 3 credits
Oral Communication

TEACHER RAP

Readings: Speaking to Inform and Persuade \$2.50
Outside reading (on reserve for students)

Grading: Speeches: 80% Class participation 20%

Add. Info: To provide the student with a workshop through which he will learn to gather, organize and present information to an audience and to train him to function as a critical listener.

We offer our apology to Mr. Greenblatt for printing incorrect information in the TEACHER RAP section of our catalog. It is our hope that our error has not been harmful. If any further information is needed in selecting this course, please contact Mr. Greenblatt.

The Catalog Committee

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★ Puerto Rico
★ Raffle Winner
★ is
★ Mrs. Nolia Tacy
★ Grandmother of
★ Ellen Hendricks
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THE FORUM

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Why Not Western Mass?

Students living in Western Massachusetts who wish to receive a medical degree will find it necessary to move to another part of the state. This would not have been necessary had the nearly constructed Massachusetts Medical School been located within the Amherst area instead of Worcester.

I am not knocking Worcester as a city, but why build the Massachusetts Medical School so far away from a campus containing such related fields as microbiology and nursing?

Several million dollars have just been spent to build an enormous college library at the University of Massachusetts—a facility invaluable to any student.

Several large hospitals located just outside the Amherst limits, including Wesson Memorial Hospital, Springfield Medical Center, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, and Providence Hospital are available for students to complete their internships and aid these hospitals in so doing.

Housing in the Amherst area is plentiful and the rural atmosphere surrounding Amherst would appear far more congenial to the student as well as the professor.

Community college health centers would have been greatly enriched by the addition of the medical school to the rapidly growing UMass campus.

Due to the questionable decision of the medical school's location, these obvious advantages to the school, its students and professors, as well as the communities surrounding Amherst will not be utilized.

—Ken Jackson

Why The Uproar?

Most students are in a uproar because Nixon won, but these same students could care less about the make up or condition of their own school's student government.

Greenfield Community College is lucky to have Robert Schilling as president, but what of the rest of the other members of student government. Do you know who your representatives are? Are you aware of the over-spending of the student government? Is the student government providing the services which you want?

Are you really interested in what happens in the country? I feel that the student body of at least this school could care less what happens.

This opinion is reached by the disinterest shown by over 80% of the student body. In the student government election held in October, less than two hundred students voted, and in some races there was not enough candidates to fill the openings. So if the major portion of the student body cannot be bothered to vote for things which have a direct bearing on their school life, which most complain about, how can we expect these same people to take an interest in the county, state, and national elections. I hope that the student body will prove me wrong and take an interest in their school government and have a heavy turnout at the next election.

Thomas P. Lederle

BOGGED DOWN?

Almost everyone gets that way once in a while. Things just don't seem to fit. If this has happened to you, drop in to the Counseling Center. It won't hurt and we may be able to help.

To: Mr. Andrew Thibault, Mr. William Noyes, Miss Elizabeth Juneau, Miss Rita La Pointe.

I've left out Miss Dixie Lee Carter because I ran into her after having read the article, and she seemed quite upset by it.

This short letter is in reference to that rather disgusting article in the mid-November issue of the Forum entitled "GCC Girls Want Bolder Men," now come on, how ridiculous can the reporter and three students of GCC get?

Mr. Noyes, you state that you feel that a large part of the male population here at GCC are on the shy side. Mr. Noyes, I suggest you speak for yourself, because I definitely am not a shy person. To Miss Juneau and Miss La Pointe, I would say that most of the guys, and I've seen this with my eyes, here, do approach the young lady and try to talk to her, but do you know what happens when he does? The young lady starts acting like a high school girl on her first date, giggling and acting stupid or she thinks the guy has ulterior motives such as sex or something and she walks away from him leaving him a rejected fool. So the young man after being rejected by the woman turns to his male friends who won't reject him. So, Miss Juneau, and Miss La Pointe, when you and your school sisters start acting like the adults you're supposed to be, maybe all those guys you see in a corner talking amongst themselves will pay attention to you.

To Mr. Andrew Thibault, I would like to suggest that you stop writing such ridiculous articles like this, and put something more meaningful in your column that would really interest people. That article was insulting and not necessary.

GOVAN GLOVER

To The Editor:

With the August-October issue, publication of The Quarto will be suspended until further notice.

There are several reasons for this. Perhaps the most compelling is the program of austerity that has been imposed upon the college. Everyone has been asked to "cut back" and "economize". One thing that has come under an ax is the use of paper. In an effort to cooperate with this austerity program and do our share to conserve paper, it was decided to cease publishing The Quarto in its present form.

But there is another, more disturbing reason. The Quarto has had a short, checkered career, to say the least.

Believing that possibly its bulk was contributing to the claim that The Quarto wasn't being read, we returned to a monthly publishing schedule in April of this year and included only one subject per month.

As the library's acquisitions grew, so grew The Quarto. At first it was published once a month, then every two months and finally quarterly, but each issue was running between 40 and 50 pages long.

However, when the economy drive hit, The Quarto's culpability was assured. It is not obvious that if no one is interested in what is being published and acquired in their own field, then The Quarto is not going to be read!!!

I sincerely hope the library will find its voice again when the money squeeze lessens, but in the meantime anyone who is interested is invited to browse the stacks and find out what's new in their area.

MARGARET E. C. HOWLAND,
Director of Learning Resources

Bring Your Own Lunch; Take A Shower-- But Don't Litter

By MARIANNE PAZMINO

Everyone is aware of the pollution problem today, but what are you doing about it? Here are several hints on changing your lifestyle so you won't pollute as much.

1. Commuting students have to drive cars to get here, but do you have to drive between buildings? How about parking your car in one place for the day and walking to your classes.

2. Everyone needs to use paper, but you can write on both sides of your notebook paper, and write to the very edges. Or you can use recycled paper.

3. Buy your soda in returnable bottles, and your milk in returnable jugs.

4. Avoid buying excessively packaged foods such as individually wrapped cheese slices and the items you get in snack bar vending machines. Bring a sandwich and a

thermos from home for lunch. It's cheaper!

5. Be sure to use biodegradable laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid.

6. Don't have the TV or radio going when you are neither watching nor listening.

7. Avoid using lights except when necessary. Don't have the whole house lit when you are only working in one room.

8. Instead of having the furnace up to 68 degrees or 70 degrees, try 60 or 56 degrees and wear degrees and wear more clothes if you are cold. You might even save on your heating bill!

9. A shower uses less water than a bath.

10. Never, never, litter! And pick up other's litter when you see it.

These are only ten of the many ways you can begin doing your part in conquering the pollution problem. But remember, if you do nothing, you can accomplish nothing.



A lonely figure on the Connecticut shore is the work of Pete Lorraine, a Media Tech major. The FORUM is anxious to have photos and paintings and drawings submitted for possible publication. Please bring them to the Office of Communications, South Building, second floor.

Learning Exchange Gets College Help

The Franklin County Learning Exchange, a new community service available at Greenfield Public Library is now receiving financial support from Title I of the Higher Education Act of 1965 through Greenfield Community College.

Learning Exchange coordinator Mark Cheren had originally been supported by Emergency Employment Act funds. When these ran out, Title I money was made available through the college's division of community services. These funds, which also supported the Store-Front College, will now assure the continuation of the Exchange, Cheren said.

The Learning Exchange matches up people who have

something to teach with those who want to learn. According to Cheren, response has been enthusiastic: 215 persons have registered and 283 matches have been made.

Unless people reregister, their cards are automatically deactivated after a three month period in order to keep information current. The Learning Exchange staff uses this "deactivation period" as an opportunity to contact people, Cheren says, to find out how successful or unsuccessful their learning-sharing experiences were and to ask if they wish to reregister.

Persons wishing to register for Learning Exchange services may do so in the main lobby of the Greenfield Public Library.

Only In America

Only in Amerika!

Only here could a bright promising

Young student get fifteen years

For possession of a plant—

While a drunken motorist

Slaughtered

Three innocent victims

And got five years—probated!

God shed his grace on thee.

The children's game -- of life --

Though increasingly difficult to decipher,

Is taking shape

With help from

—Dreams,

While truth, goodness and beauty

Become the most elusive dream

Of all.

Yes, dream boy child

As you live (uniformed) face down

in bloody mud

In wait of the enemy (love thy neighbor?)

To kill (Thou shalt not kill?)

Or be killed

For a cause in which you don't even believe!

Your free Amerika put you there,

And dream, little princess,

While you watch as your friends

Bloody and beaten

Are dragged off campus

For trying to attain some of the

Freedoms

But do—

Dream on!

Dream, God child

Dream a dream of peace

Imagine (in your wildest dream)

A fantasyland where there is no

Fear—

No hate or prejudice

No bad

Just think

A land of love, sharing, understanding

fellowman, all good!

Living together/loving each other—

Oh dream!

Children, share your dreams,

Dream Peace,

Dream Love,

Join together and make that elusive dream

Reality.

With Peace, Liz Juneau

Free Horoscope Offered To GCC Students

By ROB CROSBY

"Horoscopes cast and read free. Call 773-9713. Man, know thyself."

So reads a small carefully-typed card tucked into a corner of a bulletin board in the west building. The card is a legitimate invitation, extended by Mr. Richard Orton, 28, to all GCC students.

Orton lives with his wife in an apartment near the west building, works at Giant store, and spends much of his time studying philosophy and psychology. It was his pursuit of these studies in Boston several years ago that led him to enroll in a course in meditation that happened to be taught by an astrologer.

Orton, through intrigued by the science of astrology, was turned off by the materialistic approach people took with the subject, always asking questions about the future, such as, Will I get the new car? When will I be married? How much money will I make?

The Ad Hoc Advertiser

Evelyn Thompson, 15 Pine St., Greenfield (773-7462) wants someone — preferably a nursing student — to live in her home for \$6 a week to help her. She is confined to a wheel chair.

Braff Cleaners needs a girl to work in dry cleaning plant. Must be able to travel to Amherst daily. Car provided. Hours 3 to 6 Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 5:30 Saturday.

Hallmark Color Lab needs workers for all shifts. Contact Mr. Walker.

Mercy Ambulance, 286 Davis St. (rear) needs attendants. Eaglebrook School wants an accountant for 20 hrs. a week. Call 773-5408.

Diane Peterson, 527 Green River Rd. (773-7449) wants a bookkeeper. Female preferred, \$2 per hour.

Sell Sarah York Coventry Jewelry. Call Gloria York 774-2992. Part-time auto sales trainee. Salary plus commission. See Brian Gilmore.

The FORUM will run a limited number of classified ads without charge for students at the College. Give info to Office of Communications, South Building, in writing.

Cupcake: call Bruce — 774-6632.

But he thought he saw in astrology something that could help people to know themselves better, and this is his aim. His free horoscope-casting, Orton emphasized, is merely a tool for reaching and helping people.

Food Additives Pose Health Threat

By DEBBIE JACQUES

DES (diethylstilbestrol), a hormone fed to beef cattle, has been known to cause cancer in several species of test animals. In 1971, Dr. Arthur Herbst discovered DES-related adenocarcinoma of the vagina in women.

Dr. Herbst, one of Dr. Ulfelder's colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital, did an exhaustive study of six young women who had this DES-related adenocarcinoma. He found and confirmed that in every case their mothers had taken stilbestrol during pregnancy to prevent miscarriages. Dr.

Peter Greenwald of New York's Cancer Control Bureau, whose office contacted 37,500 doctors in New York State alone, found adenocarcinoma in approximately 80 young women, of whom nearly a third have died of advanced disease.

During this time the U.S. Department of Agriculture was discovering that the same chemical had become a regular but hidden ingredient in the food supply. DES is a synthetic hormone which in addition to its use in human medicine is fed to about 75 per cent of 30 million cattle slaughtered each year in the United States. DES makes the animals fatten faster on less grain, thereby saving cattlemen some 90 million dollars yearly. By the end of 1971, DES had been detected in 24 carcasses of randomly selected cattle and sheep, six times the total for the past two previous years.

According to an article in the October, 1972, Atlantic Monthly: "The record shows that FDA and USDA failed for over a decade to enforce effectively Congress's mandate to keep DES-contaminated meat off the consumers' meat counter. FDA's continued approval detection procedures and real evidence that feeders were complying with procedures for safe use finally became a public issue in 1971.

"FDA's top administrators seem genuinely to feel that the DES residues found in meat are not hazardous. Edwards points out that the residues are found only in the liver of cattle and sheep and stresses their

microscopic size. Dr. Rauscher of the National Cancer Institute, on the other hand, argues that anything that increases the carcinogenic burden of man ought to be eliminated from the environment if at all possible."

"Cigarette smoking is hazardous to your health." This warning is put on cigarette packages because of the concern of health. Yet the government is still making cigarettes and now they are going to import tobacco from China. According to the New York Times: "Murry P. Berger, president of Seabrook Foods, Inc., which has its headquarters in Great Neck, L.I., said he had ordered a selection of varieties of tobacco for the possible use of the manufacture of cigars. He added that further orders would depend upon tests of the tobacco in the United States."

Government regulators are constantly making decisions determining whether small levels of carcinogens should be tolerated in food. The question is, how much of the carcinogen in our food supply is too much. Carl Stinchfield, chemistry instructor at GCC, believes that the principle itself of DES, the artificial growth, is risky business. He says we should cut down wherever possible. Small amount of additives might not be harmful, but a lot could be dangerous.

Stinchfield cites the example of ozone. This is used to purify gas, but too much is deadly. He seems to think additives boil down to two things: the nature of the substance and the amount or degree of the substance used.

"How far back do we really want to go?" says Stinchfield. We can't go too far because food was very sceptical and additives were needed to purify them. But are we adding too many additives today?

MORE WATER SALINE

BOSTON — The total volume of saline ground water exceeds by many times that of fresh water in the United States. The depth to saline water is less than 500 feet in somewhat more than one-third of the United States.

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Aguda Conquers Female Bastion

By CYNDIE GRISE

"Are you a hippie?" was one of the first questions that greeted Mike Aguda, a volunteer teacher aide at a local kindergarten. Aguda, one of the longer haired students at GCC is a liberal arts major, enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program here.

"Young kids of kindergarten age don't have words like hippie in their everyday vocabulary, so they must have picked it up from their parents as a term for any person with long hair," says Aguda. "That's a form of prejudice that I hope kids can grow up without."

"The only way a social revolution is going to come about is through the education of the young. If they are educated in the same way that we were, they will turn out to be just like us. We are a step forward in social progress, but these younger kids will be even more of an asset to society if they are taught to have an open mind to differences in everyone."

Aguda says that after World War II we were all being raised by the Doctor Spock method. This is, expected to be crawling, walking, talking at a certain age or else considered to be abnormal. Therefore, we now feel like we have to keep up with what everyone expects of us at these levels of development.

An open classroom situation is much better for children, Aguda feels, because it lets them progress at their own normal rate instead of pushing them along with the crowd.

Commenting on the fact that he is one of only two male students enrolled in the Early Childhood Education program, he says that elementary education is traditionally the place for a woman. One of the main reasons being that it doesn't pay enough for a man if he is the breadwinner of the family. Aguda feels that young boys need a man to relate to, and sometimes there either isn't a father at home, or he is a weak figure in the lives of small children.

Greenfield Community College 1972-1973 Basketball Schedule

✓ Saturday, December 2	Greenfield at Springfield Tech CC	7:30 p.m.	MEN ONLY
Wednesday, December 6	Greenfield at Mt. Wachusett CC	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Saturday, December 9	Greenfield at Keene State College	6:00 p.m.	MEN ONLY
✓ Monday, December 11	North Adams State at Greenfield	8:00 p.m.	MEN ONLY
Wednesday, December 13	Greenfield at Berkshire CC	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Saturday, December 16	Quinsigamond CC at Greenfield	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Wednesday, December 20	Holyoke CC at Greenfield	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Saturday, February 3	Vermont Technical at Greenfield	2:00 p.m.	MEN ONLY
Wednesday, February 7	Springfield Tech CC at Greenfield	8:00 p.m.	MEN ONLY
Saturday, February 10	Mt. Wachusett CC at Greenfield	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Wednesday, February 14	Stockbridge at Greenfield	8:00 p.m.	MEN ONLY
Thursday, February 15	Greenfield at Mt. Holyoke College	7:00 p.m.	WOMEN ONLY
Saturday, February 17	Berkshire CC at Greenfield	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Wednesday, February 21	Greenfield at Quinsigamond CC	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Saturday, February 24	Greenfield at Holyoke CC	6:00 p.m.	WOMEN
		8:00 p.m.	MEN
Wednesday, February 28	Greenfield at Mt. Holyoke College	7:00 p.m.	WOMEN ONLY

Company Six, 10-97 A Short Story

By **DONN M. BRECHENSER**

The siren is wound up to its peak. We have a left turn to make against traffic into Sycamore Street. It's the rise and fall of the siren that attracts the attention of motorists, so I want to hit the highest wail one half block away from Sycamore, let it fall and then wind it up again just before the turn. I am overcome with the power I feel as I hear the result of my right foot on the floor button. When I was a kid I would stand in awe at the noise and power of the big red fire trucks as they roared past to some unknown excitement in some unknown location. Now it's my foot that makes the noise that puts little kids in awe as they watch the big Maxim 750 roar past.

We made the turn into Sycamore all right. The Wagon is in front of us about one fourth block and pulling away fast, but it's newer and more powerful than Engine No. 6 in which I am sitting in the co-pilot seat. Our ladder truck is way behind us and won't catch up until we arrive at the scene.

I am aware of the pain in my back that I always get when I go on a call. It's a nervous reaction to the experience. One minute you are sitting watching the cars go past on Lee Highway and shooting the bull about girls with the rest of the guys. Then the bells hit in. The lights go on automatically all over the house and the bells' sound changes the mind-set of each man in the house. They come from all directions on the run. From the TV room, the office, the bathroom zipping up their pants, and down the poles from the upstairs. There is only one thought in each man's head. The bells are off — we are running! It's like a collective mind and any differences we may have had in our bull sessions are gone and we function as one. We scramble into running coats, helmets, boots. The doors are coming up and the street siren has started. The big volunteer siren on the roof tower will cut in soon and can be heard for five miles. We are in the street! Still I don't know where we are headed or what we have; only the drivers took the time to get the address. But the call will be announced over the radio soon, and then I too will know. It really does not matter much. The only thing that matters is, we are running! The pain in my back will start soon I know. It really doesn't bother me much and always goes away as soon as we get to the scene. It's the excitement, I guess, and the remembering of the mystery of the noise of the fire trucks from my childhood.

Then the radio cuts in — "BEEEEEEP, BEEEEEEP, Attention all stations! Engine company 1, Engine Company 6, Truck 6, Rescue Squad 1 responding to a house fire, 5607 Maryland Avenue." One minute later the dispatcher will hit the beeps again and make the same announcement. We are Running! We are second due into the area of Company No. 1. If we can beat them into their own first due, we will have many points to our credit and can tell all about it when we get back to the house. We have a chance because Maryland Ave. is near the boundary that separates their first due from ours. We listen to the radio to see if they are 10-97 yet. No sound. We are getting close! We are turning onto Maryland



Ave. Three more blocks and we will be 10-97! Still no sound on the radio. We are at the top of the hill. We can see 5607 and smoke is coming out of every window in the house! As we come from the top of the hill down we can see Engine Company No. 1 at the bottom coming up. It will be close! The wagon is ahead of us and pulls into the driveway first ahead of Wagon No. 1! Our captain grabs the mike on the radio, "Company Six, 10-97." We did it! We beat No. 1 into their own territory! Every message on that radio goes on tape at fire alarm headquarters and will be there forever that we went 10-97 first.

The place is off! We don't know where the fire is. No one is home to tell us anything. Smoke is coming from everywhere and it's anybody's guess. Truck 6 is pulling in and the engine and squad truck from No. 1 are in front now. Forcible entry has been accomplished at the kitchen door and the basement door. We wanted to beat No. 1 to the scene as a contest, but now we are not competing but are working together as close friends who have fought many fires together. The booster lines are off Wagon 6 and Wagon 1 and are being taken to the rear of the house to the kitchen door. I see the assistant chief from Company No. 1 and he yells at me for a line for the basement door. I pull the 1 1/2-inch pre-connect from Wagon 6 and head towards him at the door. We signal for the line to be charged and soon the limp hose is throbbing with life like an excited penis. There is just the two of us and a dark basement full of smoke. We don't have masks as there was not time. We will advance the line and wait to be relieved by other men who will don masks. We are on our hands and knees pulling the 1 1/2-inch line with us. I feel scared but so happy that I am there. I am a man! The chief and I must find the fire and breathe the smoke and we are alone in the basement. We advance slowly. The smoke is thick and visibility near zero. We see a subtle orange glow on our right and can feel the heat. We found it! Those guys with the lines up in the kitchen are in the wrong place! But we are in the right place! I pull back on the nozzle and open it up to spray a wide pattern. You can hear and smell the water as it hits the flames. Steam adds to the smoke. We re both coughing but we won't quit. Firemen never quit! We are knocking the flames down. We feel powerful, but wouldn't it be nice to have some help down here and not be quite so alone.

Glass breaks over us and we see another line thrust through the basement window from the other side of the blaze. That's a great sight to two weary men

with smoke in their insides who want to get outside soon. The flames are almost down now with the two lines working from both sides. There is a tap on my shoulder and I see two men in masks who have come to relieve us. I tap the chief and we give up our line and crawl out to the fresh air. We won't be expected to do anything else now but rest and breathe. We got there quickly and got the water on the fire, and now others will finish up and overhaul the basement. The truck company and squad wagon men are ventilating the house and the smoke ejectors are blowing the blackness out of the structure. One fireman emerges from the front door with a bird cage in his hand. I am too tired to go over and see if the bird is alive, although I have an interest.

An hour passes and the overhaul is done. We pick up our lines and head back to the station. Then comes the best part. We all sit around with chairs tilted back, watching the traffic, and we go over every detail of the fire. We laugh as we remember beating No. 1 to the scene. And we tell of the smoke, and the flames, and the way that we hit the fire from top and bottom, and what the chief said, and how the bird was dead.

Puerto Rico Raffle To Aid Drama

By **ROB CROSBY**

Ron LaRoche, leading actor in the college production of "The Matchmaker", is credited with the finagling of a clever money-making scheme that may provide the drama club with funds to purchase much-needed costumes and carpentry equipment, as well as a choreographer for the musical to be presented in the spring.

For the past two weeks LaRoche and several drama club members have been distributing raffle tickets: for one dollar, three chances to win a week's vacation in Puerto Rico! The winner will fly down with the group of GCC students during the January term. This raffle is not limited to students, so the group may find themselves accompanied by a little old lady schoolteacher or an eight-year-old child.

If the venture is successful and enough tickets have been sold to make a profit, the drama club will be grateful to LaRoche, and he is to be commended anyways on his initiative and foresight.

Intramurals Provide Fitness 'n Fun

By **RHONDA CHRISTOPHER**

The intramural sports program now in progress is designed to involve the average student in non-competitive sports and athletic workouts.

A variety of physical activities have been scheduled by intramural director Bill Phelps for both men and women so they can participate in both fitness and fun programs.

This semester volleyball, gymnastics, ice hockey and yoga are being offered for the building of a strong body and mind.

Two Poems Runner

I often hear the runner in the night—
I wonder where he is headed?
Footfalls evenly spaced—
Sounds upon the pavement
Beyond my door—
He runs so hard—
Yet the footfalls do not progress,
No ground is covered—
No gain achieved—
Yet he runs on.

I wonder what motivates him?
Fear! Yes, it must be fear—
The footfalls are resounding fear—
But the fear must be specified—
What is the fear?
Oh yes, the fear is
The fear of stopping,
The fear of not running,
And worst of all,
The fear of not fearing.

I often hear the runner in the night—

Donn M. Brechenser
New Hope Farm
Bascomb Road
Greenfield, Ma.

Valentine's Day — 1972

For Valentine's Day I would give you
True Love

Except,
I know that there is no true love—
There is no love without imperfection,
No ideal, no fully actualized relationship

For love has not been created in a laboratory
Where sterile conditions
Control all variables

Nor has love been created in a factory
By mass production
With quality control testing for error

Nor has love been created by gods
In splendid clouds of gold
Where all is pure and true

But love is created by us
As we look, as we touch
As we talk, as we feel

Therefore our love could never
Be more perfect or true
Than we ourselves

And so, if I were to give you True Love this day,
It would be a fraud, a deception, a counterfeit
All I can offer, then, is my own imperfect self,
In hopes that it will please you

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Catalog--

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ranging from Lewis Carroll to
Sir Isaac Newton; they give
the impression that one is
reading a high school yearbook
rather than a booklet of course
descriptions, but it turns out be
all very interesting.

The three goals of the student catalog are listed on the first page: (1) To explain and describe courses in terms of the needs of the students, (2) To put the ever-existent student grapevine into written expression so that everyone may benefit from the students who "have been there", and (3) To give feedback to those members of the faculty who realize that teaching is not only a job or position but a genuine commitment to impart the best possible education.

College Store--

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as the store occupies its present building.

Evans states that the 40 per cent markup on nonbook items keeps the store from "going in the red". He says that "everything we handle here is quality" but that it would be possible to bring in cheaper goods. He goes on to say that it's not possible to recycle books because faculty determine their use according to the advent of new ideas, techniques, and coherence.

Use of total assets from the Division is entirely in the hands of members of the administration. In the past these monies have been spent on redecorating of the Campus Center in the West Building and on outfitting the soccer team with new uniforms.